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PROCUREMENT OF PALM OIL BY NAFED FROM AP
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India hasbeen asked by the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation to procure an additional 70,000 metric tonnes of palm oil from Andhra Pradesh under Market Intervention Scheme;

(b) if so, the total quantity of palm oil procured by the NAFED from Andhra Pradesh during 2000 and 2001 so far;

(c) the other States from where NAFED has been procuring the palm oil;

(d) whether the losses in the process are proposed to be shared by both the Centre and States equally; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and the extent to which India has achieved self- sufficiency in palm oil production?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): A quantity of 65,000 MTs during 2000 season and 1,05,000 MTs during 2001 was approved by the Government of India under Market Intervention Scheme (MIS).The quantity for 2000 season has already been procured and for the 2001 season, the procurement is continuing. So far 39,301 MTs has been procured.

(c): Karnataka only.

(d): Yes, Sir.

(e): The oilpalm plantations in India is still in the initial stages and has not achieved fullmaturity. Area expansion has also suffered because of heavy imports of edible oils.

Therefore, it has not been possible to achieve self-sufficiency in palm oil production.